

Conflict and Governments

Every Social Organization:

- has to deal with conflict.
- has to make decisions in an attempt to reconcile the different needs and wants of the people within the organization.
- must establish some system which has the power to make decisions and carry them out for the organization.

How do they do this?

Governments use Politics:

- Politics is a method of making decisions by giving different interests a say in what the decision will be in proportion to their importance to the welfare of the entire community.

Governments must deal with change:

- The change process often leads to conflict between those who advocate the change and those who resist it.
- The process of change occurs gradually, and that it often follows the pattern described below:
 1. Denial/rejection of the change as being unthinkable.
 2. Acknowledgement that the change may possibly occur and that it may even be necessary.
 3. Acceptance of the change signified by new behaviour patterns which accommodate the change.
 4. Defence of the change as being the only reasonable way of doing things.